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Franz KARMASIN and Karol GINDL

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1. Headquarters files contain no identifiable traces of Karol GINDL.
2. Following are Headquarters traces of Franz KARMASIN:

WHO'S WHO IN OCCUPIED & SATELLITE EUROPE, issued May 1944

Franz KARMASIN, Czech, Secretary of State for German Affairs in the Slovak Government and leader of the Volksdeutsche in Slovakia. A Sudeten-German, born at Olomouc, Moravia. Went to Bratislava as representative of the German Cultural Organization. Deputy in Czechoslovak Parliament 1935. Intimate friend of Mgr. TISO.

Carded Information, dated 29 August 1944

Ing. Franz KARMASIN, leader of the German Ethical Group in Slovakia (1944); Director of "Grenzbote" (1943); Secretary of State for the Germans in Slovakia (1941); former SPD Deputy in Czechoslovak Parliament (1935).

Interrogation Report of Friedrich FIALA, dated October 1944

Friedrich FIALA joined the staff of the newspaper "Grenzbote" Pressburg, in June or July 1939 and continued writing articles for it till he finally left Turkey in August 1944, with the nominal title of chief editor. The German Foreign Office had just taken over the 51% hitherto owned by SEYSS-INQUART; the remaining 49% belonged to Franz KARMASIN and a group of Slovaks known as the Carpathian German Party (K.d.P.). KARMASIN and K.d.P. trying to impress their policy on the paper, inserted articles and reports of their own speeches, chiefly on the following lines:

1. The reformation of the HLINKA Guard on S.S. lines, though of course they could not mention the S.S. by name.

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2. The Nazification of the Volksdeutsche in Slovakia.

3. The liquidation of the Jews in Slovakia. (FIALA stated that KARMASIN was the chief Jew-baiter.)

The Interrogating Officer's conclusion was - "That FIALA is still lying". The Officer further stated that it was almost certain that FIALA was lying about his relations with KARMASIN and the Germans in Pressburg.

Liquidation Report of Alfred MAUJOCKS, dated 1945

A delegation consisting of KARMASIN, DURCZANSKI, MACH and Dr. TUKA flew to Berlin for conversations with the German leaders in Berlin shortly after the German Army invaded Czechoslovakia and occupied Prague.

Interrogation Report of O/Stabaf Werner GOETTSCH, Dated 24 July 1945

On 10 Jan 1939 GOETTSCH established Block Stelle WIEN as a central office for intelligence from the Balkan countries. A number of Slovakian officials, DURCHANSKY, Professor TUKA, and Dr. KIRSCHBAUM were brought there and then taken to BERLIN for a series of conferences with von RIBBENTROP, GOERING, and HIMMLER. GOETTSCH acted as liaison man between the Slovakian officials and VEESENMAYER, who arranged the conferences. In February 1939 von RIBBENTROP ordered GOETTSCH to make preparations for a revolt in Slovakia. VEESENMAYER was made von RIBBENTROP's representative and GOETTSCH was appointed liaison officer between VEESENMAYER and KARMASIN, the leader of the German minority in Slovakia. TUKA was to lead the revolt scheduled to begin after 15 March 1939. Slovakia was to be recognized immediately as an independent state under the protection of Germany.

Interrogation Report of Dr. Wilfried KRALLET, dated 17 Aug 1945

KARMASIN, INC. Franz - leader of the German minority in Slovakia from 1939-45. Age about 40, married, children, a Slovakian, about 1.75 m tall, oval face, dark hair, dark eyes.

Interrogation Report of Friedrich FIALA, dated 18-19 August 1944

Franz KARMASIN, Czech, formerly agricultural engineer, now head of the Volksdeutsche in Slovakia. He joined the Kameradschaftsbund when he was still a student. This organization was making every effort to obtain control over the outposts of the Deutsche Kulturverband (German Cultural Union) in Czechoslovakia, so that in 1927, KARMASIN was sent to KAETMARK to take charge of the local branch of the Kulturverband. Later he became HENKEL's representative in Slovakia, a member of the Czechoslovakian Parliament and in 1939 as the only German in the Slovakian Parliament, he became head of the Volksdeutsche and Secretary of State. The S.S. have made efforts to get rid of him but found this impossible because he had been elected to his position by the local Germans. KARMASIN has long been a member of the Abwehr and was raised to the rank of S.A. Brigadefuhrer, for which he had to assist in establishing the Goering-works in Slovakia.

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GRENGULF Police Report dated 9 July 1951

Ing. Franz KARMASIN, leader of the Slovaks who was sentenced to death in absentia in the CSR, is living under cover in Bayern ("... als U-Boot in Bayern lebt..."). KARMASIN appears frequently at the home of fm. KRAUS. (SECRET/CONTROL - U.S. OFFICIALS ONLY)

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